

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Canceled)

Claim 5 (New) An in-line roller skate for racing, comprising:

- a footwear having a sole on the bottom thereof, said sole having a heel-piece zone;
- a chassis supporting at least four wheels including a front wheel and a second wheel immediately behind said front wheel, said front wheel and said second wheel being located in a front zone of said chassis;
- at least first and second binding points on said sole for attachment of said sole to said chassis, said first binding point being positioned in proximity of said heel-piece zone of said sole, and said second binding point being positioned approximately in a toe juncture area of said sole;
- fasteners for joining said footwear to said chassis at said first and second binding points, said second binding point being located between said front wheel and said second wheel;
- wherein said at least four wheels are solely wheels having a diameter of at least 100 mm; and
- wherein a height of said front zone of said chassis in relation to a ground contact plane of said at least four wheels is substantially equal to said diameter of said at least four wheels.

Claim 6 (New) The in-line roller skate of claim 5, wherein a center to center distance between said first and second binding points is between 170 mm and 210 mm.

Claim 7 (New) The in-line roller skate of claim 6, wherein the center to center distance between said first and second binding points is 195 mm.